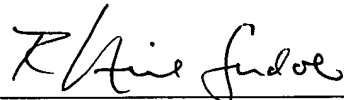


REMARKS

Claims 1 through 14 are pending in the application. The present amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependent claims, particularly improper multiple dependent claims, and to reduce the filing fee.

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